

15 JUN 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

SUBJECT: Agency Retirement Legislation

③ 1. In meeting with Mr. William Darden on Thursday, 11 June, three points were raised by him which he thinks will be helpful in gaining the approval of Senator Russell for our retirement legislation: additional cost information and a personal meeting between Mr. McCone and Senator Russell. I would appreciate it if the two items of cost estimate requested below could be developed as soon as possible so that we could get it into Mr. Darden's hands. The third item of consideration, a possible briefing for Senator Russell by Mr. McCone, might include three or four illustrative type cases as well as an outline of Agency need for the legislation. It was suggested that a couple of these be Commo cases so the impression given would be related to the average case for which we intended application of our program rather than solely the romantic operator type.

① 2. With regard to involuntary retirement of GS-14's and above, it has been specifically requested that we provide a cost estimate on a projection basis. Somewhat contrary to our prepared presentation, Mr. Darden has noted that among the typical cases that were furnished there is a GS-14 born in 1924 and a GS-15 born in 1925. Clearly, these illustrations are contrary to the proposition that persons who would be covered under the involuntary separation provision would be approaching the age of 50 with 20 years' service.

3. The second area of cost analysis suggested may prove somewhat more onerous. Mr. Darden has also asked that we detail the cost of our program using the same criteria as that employed by others to show that the Civil Service Retirement Fund is \$35 billion in the red. This consideration has been followed closely by many of the members and may well arise in any Committee consideration.

4. If we may be of assistance in developing the briefing for Mr. McCone, we will be pleased to do so.

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